

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Memorandum of Conversation

EXCISE

DATE: January 25, 1962
Mr. Hillenbrand's Office
12:00 Noon

SUBJECT: Instructions to Ambassador Thompson

PARTICIPANTS: UNITED KINGDOM

UNITED STATES

Lord Hood
Mr. Thomson

Mr. Hillenbrand
Mr. Cash

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Lord Hood opened the discussion.

Lord Hood gave Mr. Hillenbrand a paper containing the British proposals on changes in the instructions to Ambassador Thompson.

Mr. Hillenbrand said the US would take these suggestions into consideration.

Lord Hood said

Lord Hood handed over a paper containing the British views concerning the contents of the aide memoire.

Mr. Hillenbrand said he would see what language from the British paper we could incorporate into the draft we were preparing. However, at first glance, he thought that certain portions might cause difficulty.

Lord Hood

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Lord Hood said

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Lord Hood said

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Mr. Hillenbrand said that this had been intentionally omitted to avoid problems with the Germans. He added that Ambassador Thompson had raised the question as to what he would say if he were pinned down on the subject by Gromyko. He had suggested that he might state that we would be prepared to envisage a Board of Governors containing representatives of both parts of Germany and both parts of Berlin. He would add that if such persons were to be appointed as officials or Government representatives, this would raise for us the problem of recognition, but it might be possible for them to be appointed as individuals. The whole question of the composition of the Board of Governors is a problem which we would be prepared to discuss. We were inclined to think that Ambassador Thompson should be authorized to speak along the lines he had suggested if Gromyko insisted on discussing the point.

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